



SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS:

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County – present via Zoom
Lyndon Haines, Commissioner, Washington County – present via Zoom
Keri Smith, Commissioner, Canyon County - present in person
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County – present in person
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present in person
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative – present in person
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County – present in person

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams, Sam Kenney

Via Zoom: Doug Doney, Chuck Washington, Ashley Anderson

GUESTS: Members of the public attending in person; Guests viewing live stream via SWDH YouTube page.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Bryan Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Kelly Aberasturi – present; Dr. Summers - present; Chairman Elliott – present; Commissioner Hanigan – present via Zoom; Commissioner Purdy – present; Commissioner Haines – present via Zoom; Commissioner Smith – present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Aberasturi moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

Board members heard members of the public present in-person public comment.

RESOLUTION DISCUSSION AND VOTE

Commissioner Purdy introduced the amended resolution for discussion and vote. She asked board members to consider making a clear statement regarding support of individuals and businesses to make decisions they feel best.

Dr. Summers asked for discussion of what this resolution does that we are not already doing. Commissioner Smith responded that the resolution supports the mission to promote the health and wellness of those who live, work, and play in Southwest Idaho by prioritizing the whole health of our communities and by clearly stating we are giving rights back to the people to choose how they want to operate as families, individuals, schools, and businesses.

Dr. Summers asked Nikki Zogg if there is anything in the resolution that inhibits future activities of the Board and the health district. Director Zogg expressed concerns that possible limitations to the abilities of

the health district to conduct inspections such as food industry, childcare, septic, etc. could potentially be limited. Board members discussed wording changes needed to limit the scope of the resolution to COVID-19 specific instances.

Commissioner Aberasturi suggested that the resolution be very clear that this is specific to COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2. Commissioner Haines also requested that language to COVID-19 language be added to the last paragraph. Commissioner Hanigan also felt the last paragraph is overbroad concerning the conversations last week.

Commissioner Elliott clarified that this resolution is not a law. It is simply intended to let the people know that this Board of Health supports the freedom of choice for individuals that we have always supported.

Commissioner Elliott feels the resolution needs to be specific to COVID or communicable diseases. If we have a new one what will we know about it? Commissioner Smith suggested adding Coronavirus to the title to narrow the scope. Dr. Summers asked that COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 be used rather than Coronavirus.

Commissioner Haines suggested adding phrasing to the title of the resolution to clarify what the resolution is about.

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented with the addition of the phrase “Related to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and its variants or mutations” at the end of the title of the resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

LETTER TO THE CITIES

Nikki asked if the Board would like her to respond to cities with information to consider if they are presented with a resolution similar to the one the Board of Health just adopted. Commissioner Purdy suggested edits to the letter to remove the second and third paragraphs.

Commissioner Aberasturi noted that each of the cities are their own government agencies. Commissioner Smith stated that the letter is helpful as to the heart of why we did what we did and how will we move forward. She commended the writing of the letter and stated that mayors and city councils will have questions about what decisions were made and why. She supports the letter.

Commissioner Elliott stated that the last paragraph could be removed or redone but other than that is very much in favor of pushing out this information. Nikki will consider the guidance provided by the Board but does not feel a motion is necessary.

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER CONTRACT EXTENSION

Sam Kenney, Project Manager, presented a request to extend the contract currently in place with Lifeways for management of the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center (WIDCCC) based on the recommendation of the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center Advisory Board.

Commissioner Aberasturi commended Lifeways for their operation and management of the crisis center.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant the WIDCCC contract extension in place with Lifeways for a period of two years as allowable within the current contract. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b). Commissioner Haines seconded the motion. Roll was taken.

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At 10:51 a.m. Board members came out of Executive Session.

Action taken as a result of Executive Session

MOTION: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Director's Employee Agreement as presented with a 2% annual increase. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Bryan Elliott
Chairman

Dated: May 18, 2021